

California State University, Fullerton

Department of Physics

Laboratory Safety Procedures

Safety must be the primary consideration for all persons working in a Physical Laboratory. Experiments can be carried out safely if students follow the appropriate procedures and precautions. Students have the responsibility for learning and understanding the appropriate safety procedures for the experiment. Further, each student has an obligation to consult the instructor for help when safety procedures or instructions are not clear. The following general procedures must be observed:

1. Before beginning the first experiment, familiarize yourself with the location and operation of the fire extinguisher and emergency exits. Also, read the information on laboratory safety in the text and note the safety precautions mentioned for specific experiments.
2. Do not block emergency exit paths with personal items (backpacks, laptops, etc.)
3. Students are required to wear appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes at all times.
4. No food or drinks are allowed in the laboratory at any time. Sealed water containers are the only exception given that there are no chemicals being used in the lab.
5. Laboratory work areas must be kept clean. Police your own trash. Do not throw trash in the sink.
6. Work is not permitted in the laboratory except during regular class periods when an instructor is present. Performance of unauthorized experiments is not allowed.
7. Visitors are not allowed in the laboratory unless permitted by your instructor. All visitors must also wear appropriate clothing attire.
8. Sitting on lab benches is prohibited.
9. Report any accident, even the most minor, to your lab instructor.
10. If someone is seriously injured, call 911 (Campus police) immediately. Inform your instructor afterward.

If you have any Health or Safety concerns you can visit the Environmental Health and Safety Office, DBH-264 or T-1475, call extension 7233 (S-A-F-E), or visit ehs.fullerton.edu. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Instructor Name	Course ID	Section

Class	Day	Time

By completing this form you agree to comply with the safety procedures above:

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